

6.502 Duties and responsibilities.

(a) Agency and *procuring activity* advocates for competition are responsible for—

(1) Promoting the *acquisition of commercial products and commercial services*;

(2) Promoting *full and open competition*;

(3) Challenging requirements that are not stated in terms of functions to be performed, performance required, or essential physical characteristics;

(4) Challenging barriers to the *acquisition of commercial products and commercial services*; and

(5) Challenging barriers to *full and open competition* such as unnecessarily restrictive statements of work, unnecessarily detailed specifications, and unnecessarily burdensome *contract clauses*.

(b) Agency advocates for competition *shall*—

(1) Review the *contracting* operations of the agency and identify and report to the agency *senior procurement executive* and the *chief acquisition officer*—

(i) Opportunities and actions taken to acquire *commercial products and commercial services* to meet the needs of the agency;

(ii) Opportunities and actions taken to achieve *full and open competition* in the *contracting* operations of the agency;

(iii) Actions taken to challenge requirements that are not stated in terms of functions to be performed, performance required or essential physical characteristics;

(iv) Any condition or action that has the effect of unnecessarily restricting the *acquisition of commercial products or commercial services* or unnecessarily restricting competition in the contract actions of the agency;

(2) Prepare and submit an annual report to the agency *senior procurement executive* and the *chief acquisition officer* in accordance with agency procedures, describing—

(i) Such advocate's activities under this subpart;

(ii) New initiatives required to increase the *acquisition of commercial products and commercial services*;

(iii) New initiatives required to increase competition;

(iv) New initiatives to ensure requirements are stated in terms of functions to be performed, performance required or essential physical characteristics;

(v) Any barriers to the *acquisition of commercial products, commercial services, or competition* that remain;

(vi) Other ways in which the agency has emphasized the *acquisition of commercial products, commercial services, and competition* in areas such as *acquisition training and research*; and

- (vii) Initiatives that ensure task and *delivery orders* over \$1.5 million issued under multiple award contracts are properly planned, issued, and comply with [8.405](#) and [16.505](#).
- (3) Recommend goals and plans for increasing competition on a fiscal year basis to the agency *senior procurement executive* and the *chief acquisition officer*; and
- (4) Recommend to the agency *senior procurement executive* and the *chief acquisition officer* a system of personal and organizational accountability for competition, which *may* include the use of recognition and awards to motivate program managers, *contracting officers*, and others in authority to promote competition in *acquisition*.

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